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The Robinson Street Underpass Project from 500 feet west of Flood Avenue to 500 feet east of Stubbeman Avenue is a \$26 million street improvement project approved by the Norman voters as part of the 2005 Bond Election. Construction will begin Monday, June 14, 2010. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is responsible managing for the construction of the project and the prime contractor is Manhattan Road and Bridge Construction Company of Oklahoma City.

The current schedule of major construction activities is as follows:

- 1) The contractor will construct the four lane Robinson Street Detour on the north side of the existing Robinson Street. The detour will provide access to Flood Avenue and to Stubbeman Avenue and it should be complete and traffic moved onto the detour by mid summer, in time for the start of the new school year.
- 2) Simultaneous to the construction of the Robinson Street Detour is the construction of the temporary tracks for the railroad on the east side of the existing railroad tracks. Near the end of this year, train traffic will be moved onto the temporary tracks and construction of the railroad bridge can begin.
- 3) After traffic has moved onto the Robinson Street Detour, construction will begin on Flood Avenue and Robinson Street. Work on Flood Avenue will take place in two phases: first, from Robinson Street to south of Hayes Street and second, from the Robinson Street Detour to approximately 300 feet north of the water tower. Work on the first phase will take approximately two months with an estimated completion date of early October. While this portion of Flood Avenue is under construction, traffic will be detoured to Berry Road for access to central and downtown Norman. Work on the second phase of Flood Avenue is scheduled to begin in mid October and will be complete by early December. While this portion of Flood Avenue is under construction, traffic will be detoured off of Flood Avenue to Rock Creek Road then to Porter Avenue. The work on Robinson Street from 500 feet west of Flood Avenue to 500 feet east of Stubbeman Avenue will be complete early next summer.
- 4) Stubbeman Avenue will be open to through traffic throughout most of this project. Certainly, Stubbeman will be in service when the Norman Public Schools and Norman North High School resume classes in August 2010.